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**MEDICINAL MARIJUANA:** Interest high in Port Colborne's Milleboom Organics

# Pot farm on world radar

GREG FURNIBER  
InPort News Staff

A Port Colborne organics farm hoping to secure one of Canada's first commercial licences to grow medical marijuana is garnering attention from well beyond Niagara.

Last Thursday morning, a couple of officials from Uruguay, including an army colonel, were joined by Canadian connections to tour the Milleboom Organics operation on Pinecrest Rd. on Port Colborne's rural east side.

The farm's communications director, Steve McNeill, said interest has also been shown from areas in the U.S. via phone

calls.

"We're pretty proud that Milleboom and Port Colborne is starting to get this international attention," he said.

"It starts to snowball, because people start to hear about how we do things. Our business plan is becoming a model for others."

He said the Uruguay visit was arranged through the farm's established contacts in Toronto, and follows upon that country's decision last December to legalize marijuana — including for recreational use — in hopes of killing off the illegal drug trade through legitimate production and reduced

pricing.

Visions, including politicians from local municipalities, want to know how the operation works and how it's kept secure. McNeill noted the lead security consultant is Kash Heed, a former solicitor general for the British Columbia government and a former West Vancouver police chief.

All employees and board members have been fingerprinted and undergone a security check by the RCMP. Among them is Dr. Paul Rothbart, of the Rothbart Centre for Pain Care in Toronto, and former prime minister John Turner, who was also once Canada's

justice minister.

"With Turner on board, it gives us national and international attention," company president and board chair Marc Kealey, a former CEO of the Ontario Pharmacists' Association, said of the interest generated by the Milleboom farm.

After Thursday's tour, he checked his e-mail and found queries from three other groups: one each from eastern and southwestern Ontario communities and one from a physicians group east of Ottawa.

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GREG FURNIBER/STAFF PHOTO

Interest in operating procedures of the Milleboom Organics medicinal marijuana-prucing operation in Port Colborne is growing beyond national borders, says communications director Steve McNeill.

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# UPFRONT

## ■ EDUCATION

## Student brings home gold at skills competition

**MELISSA MANGELSEN**  
InPort News Staff

Niagara Catholic District School Board sent 34 students to compete at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Waterloo May 5 and 6.

Alex Hoelzli, a Grade 12 student at Notre Dame College School, finished tops in all of Ontario in the precision machining competition. With his gold-medal performance he will now advance and compete at the National Skills championship against top students across Canada.

"We're really proud of him," said teacher Mike Stevenson. "He's the first student who has won gold from the Niagara Catholic District School Board in precision machining."

More than 1,900 of Ontario's top students competed in the competition with 30,000 spectators and 60 skilled trade contest areas.

Jeff Tapp brought home a silver medal in the plumbing competition, representing Lakeshore Catholic High School along with teacher Joe Sciarra.

"My first year going I finished fourth," said Tapp. "Last year I improved to bronze and this year I brought home silver. It's a tough competition to win."

Tapp and Hoelzli are both in the specials high school program and have future goals to work in plumbing.



MELISSA MANDELSEN/TRIBUNE STAFF

Lakeshore Catholic High School teacher Mike Stevenson, left, took Alex Hoelzli, of Notre Dame College School to the Ontario Technological Skills Competition. Hoelzli won gold in the precision machining competition and will now move onto the National Skills Championship. Jeff Tapp, of Lakeshore Catholic High School brought home a silver medal in the plumbing competition with his teacher Joe Sclarra.

With Hoelzi's gold medal he will now move onto Skills Canada National Competition, June 4 to 7 in Toronto. With a win there he could advance to the WorldSkills Competition, which is being held in Brazil this year.

"Events like Skills help students prepare for their future careers and highlights the students skills to potential employers," said Stevenson. "It's amazing to watch them apply what

they've learnt in the classroom to real life."

Both students have completed the apprenticeship preparation courses in their respective fields and will graduate with the Specialist High Skills Major Red Seal on their diploma.

"Both of these guys have a really bright future ahead of them and will be able to enter the workforce into high-paying jobs," said Stevenson.

He said Lakeshore Cath-

**FARM**

## Health Canada inspection in the future

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Kealey said sharing details of how Muileboom works — operations, security, quality control, dispensing — is an "opportunity to expand proficiency" in producing medical marijuana, adding the Port Colborne operation "could be a showpiece for the entire world."

Neighbours would argue with that — and have done so on several occasions to municipalities over fears of crime and skunky odours.

As people start thinking more about images of sick children and suffering adults, and less about the drug subculture, then that's when things "will start to turn around," McNeill said.

He shared that the facility surrounded by chain-link fence has 64 motion-activated security cameras and a walk-in bank vault with biometrics. The greenhouse operation is currently producing 680 plants.

For a growth industry so new, McNeill said there have been difficulties dissociating the farm with the illicit drug trade and Hells Angels.

"We see this as a very important health-care industry. What we're doing is going to improve the quality of life for so many people," he said. "We're not the bad guy."

The farm once revered for its organically grown tomatoes, is treated strictly like a regular laboratory, where employees wear white lab coats and protective gear.

A quality assurance expert with degrees in biol-

ogy and horticulture is part of the now eight-member workforce which is working to develop differing strains of marijuana for varying strengths of THC — the ingredient that makes people high — and cannabinoids, which cause no buzz but which are suitable for children and to control seizures.

McNeill said as research progresses, the aim is to drive down costs of medicinal marijuana to about \$4 to \$6 a gram — whereas on the street it fetches about \$10 to \$15. The four people now served by Mulleboom — which is licensed to supply individuals — pay out of pocket for a drug still classified as an illegal narcotic.

Supplies are shipped in maximum 30-gram doses via courier. A doctor's prescription is faxed in to have an order filled.

Since 2001 when the ministry first issued licences to grow for individuals, there were fewer than 100 approved users, McNeill said. There are now 38,000 licence holders in Ontario, a number McNeill said is expected to grow to 450,000 by 2024.

Kealey said as the company awaits a Health Canada inspection related to the next stage of its development, several charcoal filters have been purchased to eliminate odours, those produced during the bud stage of plants.

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **EDUCATION:** Niagara Catholic District School Board hands out its 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

## Common thread for textile mogul

GREG FURNINGER  
InPort News Staff

Welland native Shannon Passero runs a highly successful textile company in Thailand that employs 1,100 mostly women workers and another 4,500 skilled artisans from nearby villages.

She is co-founder and creative director of the Pure Hand-knit and Neon Buddha clothing brands that generate \$50 million to \$75 million in annual sales.

Just last year, after years of selling online and in stores, and having her clothing featured in such places as *Elle* magazine and on TV's *Celebrity Apprentice*, she opened her first storefront in the old fire hall on Albert St. W. in Thorold.

Passero is a Niagara success story that she admitted has been "under the radar a little bit".

Since graduating from Welland's Notre Dame College School in 1991, she's done extremely well.

And so have her employees. Each of her overseas workers is guaranteed a minimum wage, free English and Thai classes during work, free health care and paid health benefits, including maternity leave twice Thailand's national standard.

Dyes for the fabrics are produced in-house and only high-efficiency light bulbs are used in the factory.

Now 16 years into her business, recently turned 40 and expecting to deliver daughter No. 2 on Monday, Passero said she is at a point in her life that she finds herself reflecting on who she is and how she got here.

Now living in St. Catharines with husband Michael, Passero — nee Cooney — said she learned good to school that education was "not just about books."

"I was very interested in the extracurricular parts of school," she said, also admitting that while she played a number of sports, she wasn't particularly good at any of them. But the experiences moulded her into a well-rounded person.



GREG FURNINGER/STAFF PHOTO

Notre Dame College School graduate Shannon Passero, who founded a multimillion-dollar textiles company in Thailand, is one of seven recipients of Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

"I was a good student — I got A's — but I really had to work at it," she said. "I know the value of education."

Experiences at Notre Dame, including its annual pilgrimage for developing nations, developed her life skills, she said, that gave her tools to succeed in subsequent studies at fine art and business management at University of Guelph.

"I guess I was given the gifts of teamwork and camaraderie that Notre Dame laid out with," she said last Friday prior to receiving one of seven Niagara Catholic District School Board 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

For what Niagara Catholic graduates made of their positions — not what positions they attained — are what the board's now two-year-old cel-

ebratory distinction awards are about, education director John Croco said at the start of the awards ceremony at the Catholic Education Centre in Welland.

Board chair and St. Catharines trustee Kathy Burnik praised distinguished alumni for embracing the Catholic faith while making the choices they have in their working lives.

"You now inspire others ... not by your words, but by your actions."

Other award recipients are: ■ Lisa Monchalin, Lakeshore Catholic High School, class of 1999.

Monchalin became the first Aboriginal woman in Canada with a PhD in criminology, and is now a professor of criminology at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in British Columbia.

■ Michael Rosinski, Notre Dame College School, class of 1993.

He entered the Jesuits the year after graduation. In his years as a priest, he has served in Rome and South Sudan and as a chaplain and religion teacher.

He quipped Friday that he is indeed "a product of the Catholic education system" — his teacher parents met on the job.

■ John Belcastro, Notre Dame College School, class of 1952.

He was the first lay principal of the Welland high school and upon retirement continued to serve Catholic education as a trustee.

■ Khalil Syne, Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School, class of 2000.

As a pilot with the United

Nations, he was stationed in hot spots including Afghanistan, the Ivory Coast and Liberia and in Haiti. Many of the flights in these areas included medi-vac missions and flying in humanitarian aid.

"Catholic education is not something we attend, but what we become," he said in an acceptance speech made via pre-recorded video.

■ Jennifer Hollett, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, class of 1990.

Hollett's media career included working as a TV host and reporter at CBC, CTV and MuchMusic. She has been an advocate of the rights of women while on location in places such as Afghanistan, Kenya and Sierra Leone. In 2006 she founded YouthCARE with CARE Canada, and has been the moderator of the

Gyrls20 Summit since 2010, an international girls leadership conference.

"I wouldn't be here without that education. It shaped me at a very young age," she said.

■ William Jones, Saint Paul Catholic High School, class of 2004.

Jones was in class on March 23, 2004, when staff administered CPR before he was rushed to hospital, where he was given a 7% chance of survival. Today he is president of the Schulich Non-Profit Management Student Group and Vice-President of the Schulich Student Speaker Series. In 2011, he was selected by the Governor General as one of 120 youth leading Canada toward being a Smart and Caring Nation.

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# 'I've Been Thinking About 'fools'

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Sometime in overhearing conversations or being part of them, it is said of another he or she is a fool. It is intended to be derogatory and a put down but God's word has something to say about this as well.

What is a fool?  
I quickly searched the online Princeton definition. "A fool is a person who lacks good judgment or a person who is gullible and easy to take advantage of."

From what I read, whichever of the two you choose, it means the same. A fool is someone who is lacking wisdom or is easily led because he lacks the wisdom to know he is being led in a wrong direction.

Years ago, Jim Elliot gave his life to serve a tribal group in the jungles of Ecuador. Jim and four others were all murdered in the jungle near a village of the violent, and dangerous Waodan tribe. The very people, that the five missionaries loved and were attempt-

ing to tell of the love of Jesus, were their executioners; spears puncturing their bodies like pin cushions.

At first, the loss of the five men was declared a waste or a foolish sacrifice. But, the opposite was true. To God, this act of sacrifice was wisdom.

Most don't get it. It remains foolish to them. But, such it is with God.

The late Christopher Hitchens, self-confessed atheist, would rear strips up one side of this idea and down the other for even intimating that God, if He exists, works the way he does. He would conclude that God is foolish, absurd, barbaric, poisonous and certainly not great.

Even to me, there are times when, what God does, appears senseless, foolish and wasteful.

But, the motto of Elliot's life, penned years before his death, speaks to the contrary.

He wrote the following, in his journal, on Oct. 28, 1946: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

In this journal statement, Elliot seems to answer, prophetically, the question "Is the sacrifice of my life a waste?"

"Am I a fool if I give up my life in order to give the message of Christ's love to those who have never heard of Him?"

Elliot believed that his physical life was expendable in the cause of allowing others to hear the good news of Jesus's love and death on the cross for their sin. He believed that the sacrifice of his physical life was nothing compared to gaining life eternal with God for himself and others. The outcome is found in history. The first to become Christ-followers in that very tribe, were the men who earlier speared Elliot and his four friends to death.

In 1 Corinthians 1 verse 18 and 19, the Apostle Paul writes: "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction. But to those who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.'"

To another group in the Empire capital of

Rome, the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 1 verse 16 and 17: "For I am not ashamed of this good news about Christ. It is the power of the law first, saving everyone who believes — the few first and also the Gentile. This good news tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'"

A life lost in the manner of Jim Elliot's seems foolish to many. A message of the crucified Christ, in our modern world of technology and independence, is close to craziness.

But to God, who has the final word and through whom we live and move and have our very existence, it is called wisdom.

People who come to the realization that they have been foolish in rejecting the gift of God's Son, Jesus, and instead, choose to trust in Jesus Christ, gain the salvation of God. They are not fools in God's sight, but are declared wise.

I would rather be a fool God's way. How about you?

# No one's talking about insurance in this election

There's no shortage of issues for Ontario's June 12 election. Out-of-control hydro prices, the sad state of the economy, pension reform, transit funding and of course, all the Liberal scandals.

Once again, the issue of auto insurance reform is likely to be left at the curb with no party championing those injured in auto accidents.

It's a pity, as the state of Ontario's auto insurance cries out for reforms to protect accident victims.

1. Since the reforms of 2010, approximately 86% of all accident victims have been slotted into a new minor injury category in which they are limited to a maximum of \$3,500 (and in many cases, \$2,200) in medical/rehabilitation benefits.

According to the Ontario Rehab Alliance, an association representing more than 4,000 health-care professionals, the minor injury category was designed to cover those with simple, uncomplicated whiplash-type injuries, but insurance company adjusters are placing many with joint dislocations and tears to tendons and ligaments

into this category, resulting in denials of treatment.

2. Medical/rehabilitation benefits for serious, non-catastrophic injuries were reduced by more than 50% in 2010, from \$100,000 plus assessment costs to \$50,000, including assessment costs.

3. No-fault income replacement benefits were set at \$400 per week in 1996. There's been no adjustment for inflation since. While policyholders can purchase optional coverage, few do. Even if optional coverage (up to \$1,000 per week) is purchased, income replacement is capped at 70% of gross income.

4. Lessened car benefits for serious, non-catastrophic injuries were cut in half (\$72,000 to \$36,000) in 2010. Worse, as of Feb. 1, 2014 attendant care payments to family members who provide care have been capped by the amount of income lost by the family member, regardless of the hours incurred.

5. Even with reduced benefits, denial rates and delays in treatment are at unacceptably high levels, meaning accident victims are not receiving the benefits for

which they have paid.

6. According to data analyzed by the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, insurance companies now spend about 50 cents on experts' fees to assess accident victims for every dollar they spend on treatment. When we look at the approximately 50% of victims who are assessed, we find insurers pay more for experts to assess than they do for treatment for these victims.

7. Redundant laws are in place to insulate or reduce exposure for insurance companies from negligence lawsuits arising out of auto insurance accidents.

8. In 2012, the latest year for which figures are available, Ontario's car insurers collected \$3.78 billion in accident benefits premiums but paid out only \$1.67 billion in claims and adjustment expenses.

These numbers come from the General Insurance Statistical Agency, the non-profit agency that tracks information on behalf of provincial insurance regulators. That means insurers have a gross profit margin of 56% on accident benefits coverage, not including the investment income earned on prepaid premiums. That's not surprising

since they are paying out a maximum of \$3,500 in accident benefits for most injured in auto accidents.

We know what the Liberal party has in mind for auto insurance. They passed the 2010 cuts and introduced regulations to cut attendant care benefits to family members earlier this year. They introduced Bill 171, which would eliminate the right to pursue accident benefits claims in the courts, eliminate the right to pursue punitive damages in an accident benefits claim, provide an incentive for insurance companies to delay settlements and payments to those injured in motor vehicle accidents, and remove the right of arbitrators to penalize insurers who act unreasonably in withholding or delaying benefits.

We don't know what Conservative Leader Tim Hudak or NDP Leader Andrea Horwath might do on auto insurance reform if elected.

One thing is certain: The current system can't get much worse for accident victims.

Victims need timely, adequate accident benefits even more than they need premium cuts.

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## ■ PROVINCIAL ELECTION

# Liberals' Mercer hopes second time's the charm

ALLAN BERNER

InPort News Staff

Benoit Mercer is back. The Welland resident is again representing the Ontario Liberal Party as the Welland riding candidate in the June 12 election.

"Having run 2011 and having seen the results, I know full well I'm the underdog in this coming election," Mercer said.

The 51-year-old finished in third place in 2011 with 8,638 votes — more than 10,000 behind the winner, Cindy Forster of the NDP.

Nevertheless, he said, after living in Welland for most of his life it's clear the riding "needs a change," and he said he plans to ensure "Jobs and the economy are the No. 1 priorities for the Welland riding."

Mercer, the executive director of Franco-Ontario Catholic School Boards Association, also plans to do his best to ensure hospital services remain

in Welland, adding he was "disappointed to hear that the new (south Niagara) hospital would go to Niagara Falls."

"I felt, I will be a very strong advocate for a hospital in south Niagara, obviously very accessible to the residents of Welland, Port Colborne and Wainfleet," he said. "I feel that south Niagara has been neglected for far too long and the residents need a strong advocate at the table to work on their behalf."

Mercer said the neglect south Niagara has suffered at Queen's Park is because

"we haven't had a seat at the table." The riding has always been represented by members of the opposition parties in the provincial legislature.

"My job as

the underdog is to change people's hearts and minds," he said.

"I think it's time for some positive change, and I need to convince people that voting for me for a Liberal government will bring better days to south Niagara."

While riding association president Craig Brockwell suspects it will be a tough election competition bringing better days to south Niagara, Conservative candidate Frank Camplon and Forster, he said Mercer has a higher profile in the community this time, and will be working hard to meet with area residents.

"He's going to be out there going door to door, doing what he has to do in order to win," Brockwell said.

Meanwhile, Forster said her campaign is being launched in the days ahead.

"The orange machine will be in full force," she said. "Certainly, our message is that people are looking for change. They

want a government that takes responsibility for their tax dollars. They want a government that they can trust and they want a government that makes sense," she said. "That's going to be our message."

Camplon said his campaign is still being developed.

"Obviously, it's impossible to get to every door, but I'm going to do the best I can to get to as many areas as possi-

ble," he said.

"I want to get the message to the people and that's pretty much what my campaign's going to be all about — getting the information to the people about how I can be the best person to serve them at Queen's Park to make things happen."

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## Suffering from Hot Flashes?

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# LOCAL NEWS

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION

# South Niagara mayors weighing options

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

Port Colborne and Welland's mayors plan to wait until this summer to announce whether they want to reapply for their current jobs.

"I'm not prepared to make an announcement yet," said Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey.

He said he will likely make a decision regarding his political future in July, adding he has yet to discuss the issue with his family.

"I haven't really had a chance to sit down with Lisa (his wife) and the kids," he said.

But he will definitely be running for something.

He took some time off in 2003 "and it killed me. ... It absolutely killed me."

Badawey said one aspect of his decision is trying to decide where he can most effectively serve a community that has not received its fair share of attention from upper-tier governments.

"It doesn't matter what party has been in power for the past two decades we haven't gotten our deserved attention especially with respect to what we add to the overall dynamic of Ontario."

Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe, too, said he has yet to make a decision.

"I'm still discussing this decision with my family and supporters," he wrote in an e-mail. "Back in 2010, I announced that I was running for mayor on June 9. I'll likely make my decision within the same time frame."

Sharpe said he's too busy working as a mayor and a Welland regional councillor to dedicate much time to campaigning for re-election.

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# 90-year-old named TOPS queen

MELISSA MANGELSEN  
InPort News Staff

Last year Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) members lost a combined 425 tons.

Ninety-year-old Millie Bryan was one of those members shedding pounds.

"I came into TOPS three years ago because I had problems with my knees," said the Port Colborne woman. "My doctor told me if I lose some weight it would be easier on my knees, so that's what I did."

Bryan was honoured at a

special luncheon last Wednesday as the TOPS queen for reaching her goal last year and keeping it off.

She managed to lose 19.5 lbs. in two years.

"It's very hard to do. Every week I came here and was weighed. There was no avoiding the scale. It was always there," she said.

President of TOPS Branch 4994 of Port Colborne, Gina MacPherson said Bryan has been an inspiration to everyone in the program with her.

"She's here every week.

She still drives and even during our harsh winter she was at most of the meetings," said MacPherson.

Bryan said the key to weight loss for her was to keep up with meetings and being held accountable at weigh-ins each week.

"TOPS is a very good group.

It takes a lot of dedication to lose weight, but the support and encouragement is always here," said Bryan. "You have to make up your mind and stick to it. It can be done."

Though she said her knees aren't getting any younger, the weight loss has made it easier to get around.

"The more weight you have to carry around, the harder it is on your knees," she said.

She has also been able to buy new clothes and donate

her old clothes to the Diabetes Foundation.

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Millie Bryan of Port Colborne was named TOPS Branch 4994's queen for her 19.5 weight loss.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ■ PUBLIC SAFETY

# Driving education brought to Port High

MELISSA MANDELSEN  
InPort News Staff

Being a parent of a young driver can be

stressful and unsettling. Every weekend in Ontario 173 teenagers are injured or killed on the roads.

The Speak Up Crew at Port Colborne

High School, which promotes health, wellness and safety, brought the Sweet Life Road Show to the school last Wednesday.

"What we're doing with this show is taking the top risks that teenage drivers face and teaching them in a fun and interactive way how to be more aware of them," said Anne Marie Hayes, president of Teens Learn to Drive.

The top 10 risks were sepa-

rated into its own interactive station for students. Some of those risks were drunk driving, drugging and driving, drowsy driving, visibility and distracted driving.

"We wanted to get across the non-traditional messages," said Hayes. "Teenagers are getting the message to not drink and drive, but even if they make the right choices that night they could still be too intoxicated to drive the

following morning."

While the rate of drinking and driving is declining for teenagers they face other challenges such as inexperience, cell-phones and passengers.

"It takes seven years of being on the road to learn good driving skills," said Laurie Lannetti, youth councillor at Port High.

Drowsy driving is a big risk for teenagers.

"Students have long days and aren't getting enough sleep during the week. Driving drowsy is very dangerous, so we want to teach students how they know they are drowsy and what to do," said Hayes.

About 58% of Ontario teenagers learn how to drive from their parents, without taking formal lessons.

"What we're offering here is a free day of driving education while delivering a message that they won't get anywhere else," said Hayes.

Port High is the only school in Niagara to host the Sweet Life Road Show and Lannetti said they were more than happy to be able to host the event.

Niagara Regional Police Const. Shawn Cuke spent the day teaching students about the dangers of using drugs and then attempting to drive.

"There are a lot of people who don't realize that using cannabis and driving is a criminal offense," he said. "It's a very dangerous thing to drug and drive, but it gets even more of a danger when they are mixing cannabis with alcohol."

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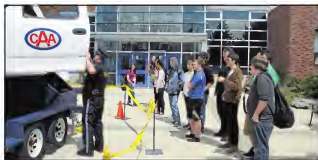
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# LOCAL NEWS

## ■ DRIVING



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Students at Port Colborne High School took part in the Sweet Life Road Show, which was an all-day event teaching students about high risk scenarios facing young drivers.

## Driven to keep our roads safe

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Students were also able to get in the cab of an 18-wheeler to see first-hand the large blind spots that truck drivers have.

CAA was the main sponsor for the event along with the Ministry of Transportation.

\*They have been instrumental setting up the stations and giving the message to students. Everyone has volunteered their time to make sure the students stay

as safe as possible on the roads," said Hayes.

The name for the Sweet Life Road Show was chosen because Hayes said every teenager deserves to have a sweet life.

"The presentations are eye-opening and informative. I think they will take a lot home with them today," she said.

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## "Billy Joel and the Piano Men" Coming to Roselawn Theatre

Fans of Billy Joel, Elton John, Burton Cummings and other piano greats are in for a treat when "Billy Joel and the Piano Men" comes to the Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne on Saturday June 14 @ 8:00pm. Starring piano-wizard and vocalist extraordinaire Bruce Tournay, this unique theatrical performance combines live music with humour, costumes, and interesting stories about the songs and performers being highlighted.

True to the shows name, the "Piano Men" performance features a wide variety of musical styles from a diverse range of piano legends. In addition to Billy Joel, Elton John, and Burton Cummings, Tournay will perform songs from other piano greats including Jerry Lee Lewis, Pat Domino, Little Richard, Ray Charles, Nat King Cole, Floyd Kramer and even the flamboyant Liberace.



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Backed by the amazing Memphis Cats band, song highlights include "Crocodile Rock", "Great Balls of Fire", "My Own Way To Rock", "Georgia", "It's Still Rock and Roll To Me", "Bludgey Hill" and of course, Billy Joel's signature song "Piano Man" amongst many other classic piano songs.

Tickets to see "Billy Joel and the Piano Men" at the Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne on Saturday June 14 at 8:00pm are value-priced at only \$28, available by phone # 905-834-7572 or pick up at the Roselawn Theatre box office located at 296 Fielden Avenue. It is recommended that ticket buyers call early to ensure the best seats.

## ■ ENVIRONMENT

### NPCA chief vows better accountability

OREG FURNIMMER  
InPort News Staff

Carmen D'Angelo says improving accountability and transparency of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority will be one of his first priorities as its new chief administrative officer.

He's got an uphill battle ahead of him. D'Angelo takes the reins of an agency mired in controversy, including within the past year its board of directors awarding its chairman a 38% pay hike for a total \$645,171 bonus, a questionable 15-sec shore-line land deal with a developer in Wainfleet and now the hiring of D'Angelo himself.

Peihnam Mayor Dave Augustyn, after *The Tribune* learned April 25 that D'Angelo had been selected for the top NPCA post, took to his Twitter account.

He tweeted: "Surprise! Surprise. Another member of #NPCA Board hired by majority of Board to senior executive staff position."

Last December, David Barrick, who had also sat on the board and continues to serve as a regional councillor for Port Colborne, was given an NPCA job he didn't apply for and which wasn't publicly advertised — that of senior manager of operations to oversee the authority's 37 conservation areas.

It's one of three new positions created as a result of a corporate restructuring last year, for which D'Angelo was paid as a consultant to implement.

"It's interesting that another member of the board has been hired by the NPCA," Augustyn, who does not sit on the 15-member board, said in an interview last Tuesday.

"Another situation for members to appoint from within, and that's how it appears," he added.

"It doesn't look good."

Thirty-one people applied for the NPCA's top job — under the Conservation Authorities Act chief administrative officers also serve as secretary and treasurer — which pays between \$112,759 and \$140,950 a year. D'Angelo's responsibilities will include overseeing combined operating and capital budgets totalling more than \$1.5 million this year — for which about 65% of revenues are levied by Niagara Region, despite the region having almost no control over the authority's decision-making.

D'Angelo starts his new job May 16, taking over from Tony D'Amario, who announced his retirement in January following a career with the NPCA spanning more than 25 years. His last day was April 30.

D'Angelo, who holds bachelor degrees in biology and psychology from McMaster University and a master's in public administration from the University of Western Ontario, is finishing his days as a manager for Hamilton Paramedic Service.

He took leave from the NPCA board of directors to implement the management structure that evolved from development of a strategic plan for 2014-17.

He briefly returned to the board at the start of this year, before taking another leave when the CAO job became available.

D'Angelo is aware of "some critical commentary" about his CAO appointment, but said as a citizen of Hamilton appointee to the NPCA board, over the past eight years he has come to learn much about the operations of the authority and related policy.

He said he is also aware there needs to

be better communication with the public and the authority's stakeholders, something which in part will be done through the establishment of a community liaison advisory committee to include landowners, industry, environmental and agriculture representation.

"It's one of my first tasks," D'Angelo, in an interview, said of establishing the group.

"That is one of the key cornerstones of the plan," he said, adding there's a lot of "good momentum" to expand upon from previous stakeholder consultations on development of the document.

"What I would say to my critics is one of the cornerstones of the strategic plan is greater accountability and transparency of the NPCA."

"That's something critics say has been lacking."

Crimley regional Councillor Debbie Zimmerman, appointed to the board this spring, went against D'Angelo's hire, not because of who he is, but she said, because of the process leading up to filling the position, including that he held a \$441,000 contract to alter NPCA's management structure and then applied to head it.

"The other people didn't even have a chance," she said.

Zimmerman said the first thing she will be asking of the new CAO is for a review of the NPCA's governance structure.

That task is identified in the strategic plan.

D'Angelo said reorganization at the NPCA's Welland offices on Thorold Rd. also includes a focus on streamlining the approvals process.

Another focus will be on communications, and improving an understanding with the public just what it is that the NPCA does, and showcasing its assets.

NPCA was established by the more than a half-century-old Conservation Authorities Act to further conservation, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals. Since 1969, the NPCA has become responsible to enforce emerging legislation in areas pertaining to such things as management of Niagara Peninsula Watershed flood plains, hazard lands and Great Lakes shorelines over an area of 2,424 square kilometres.

D'Angelo said sometimes the lines of responsibility have become "blurred" with the public, for example when the authority is making a decision or simply working in an advisory commenting role to another approval body, be it the Niagara Escarpment Commission or Ministry of Natural Resources.

Despite raised eyebrows about the goings-on of the NPCA board and its recent firings and hirings, D'Angelo does have supporters.

Norm Johnson, a member of the Welland River Floodplain Association, said in the news release issued last Tuesday by the conservation authority announcing D'Angelo's appointment: "Carmen has demonstrated his willingness to work collaboratively and in consultation with community groups such as the Welland River Floodplain Association. We are confident Carmen will bring greater transparency and accountability to the administrative processes at the NPCA."

"This is extremely important when the NPCA operates in a regulatory framework which impacts landowners."

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## ■ ENTERTAINMENT

## Joe Crawford's webcast celebrates 250 shows

MELISSA MANGELSEN  
InPort News Staff

Port Colborne native Joe Crawford has interviewed countless authors, celebrities, musicians and politicians during his broadcast career.

He celebrated his 250th episode of his variety webcast talk show, *The Joe Show*, Wednesday.

Crawford landed his own webcast talk show in 2012 and has since drawn big names such as Tim Conway, Wanda Sykes, Gilbert Gottfried and Ronnie Negas.

For his two-hour-long 250th show he brought back some of the listeners' favourites, including Wink Martindale, Mar Jennings, Barry Bittelle and Tim Conway.

*The Joe Show* is a once-a-week webcast streamed out of his Port Colborne studio.

The show has a unique format that starts with a monologue and doesn't have a set of prepared questions for guests. Crawford

prefers the spontaneity of just asking questions and following up on the responses. He believes an interview should be like a regular conversation.

"You might raise something really good if you ask a question and just move onto the next one," he said.

The Joe Show can be found at [www.joecrawfordlive.com](http://www.joecrawfordlive.com), or [www.drivemadnetwork.com](http://www.drivemadnetwork.com).

"People are always on the go. It's the type of world we live in," said Crawford. "What's great about this show is that people can also listen to it on their mobile devices for free and without having to download apps."

In June he will welcome Carol Burnett to *The Joe Show* and has received the news that he has been renewed for his eighteenth season on Oct. 1.

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A panel of six judges, including PerFinancial chief executive officer Bob Watson and Tribune managing editor Dan Dakin, will evaluate the video submissions from June 6 to 13 and select the top five.

People will be able to vote for their favourite

video at [sprowl.ca](http://sprowl.ca) from June 16 to 30.

"With tuition and books, the costs can add up pretty quickly. Winning this contest was a big help for me financially and also helped relieve some of the stress that goes along with the post-secondary transition," said 2013 scholarship winner and current Brock University student Marina Rose, who is also a judge this year.

"It was interesting to see how passionate other Niagara students are in pursuing a career in a variety of different fields."

Other judges are Business Education Council of Niagara program co-ordinator Pauline Carroll, TVCogo Niagara programming and community relations manager Jack Cuslers, and Leadership Niagara executive director Mario De Divitis.

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# SPORTS

■ **HOCKEY:** Junior players get chance to spend time at other end of whistle

## OHL players putting the 'fun' in fundamentals

**BERND FRANK**  
InPort News Staff

Three Ontario Hockey League players who practised drills not too long ago will soon find themselves on the opposite end of the coach's whistle.

Sarnia Sting goaltender Brodie Barrick, Niagara IceDogs forward Anthony DiFrancia and IceDogs goaltender Blake Richard will be spending part of their off-season as instructors at skills development camps for players five to 16 years of age.

Mike Bukator, the Niagara and New York state scout for the Kitchener Rangers of the Ontario Hockey League, and Ed Burkholder, head scout and director of player personnel for the Toledo Walleye of the ECHL, will be joining them on the ice at the 10-week clinics that get underway May 21 and are run by Burkholder Hockey Clinics.

Burkholder, speaking as a scout, said working as instructors at his camp gives the OHL players the chance to work on their skills as well.

"It's always important to improve and build skills. It also provides an outlet for physical activity in a fun environment," said

Burkholder, whose Walleye are a farm team to the Detroit Red Wings.

And emphasizing the "fun" in fundamentals is a big part of clinics started by Welland Sports Wall of former Murray Burkholder in 1970 and run off and on by his family since his death.

Ed Burkholder, who has also coached for the Red Wings, said while repetition is the best way to give students a solid base in the basics, doing it in a fun way is the goal of his instructors.

"We make it fun for the students, so they always look forward to coming out," he said. "We want them to have so much fun that they forget they're learning something."

Being on the coaching faculty will be a busman's holiday for Burkholder's son Murray, a Brock University graduate who will be going to teachers college at the University of Western Ontario. Before concentrating on his studies, he played triple A midjet hockey in Welland and for four years with the Notre Dame high school hockey team. He also coached at Notre Dame and with Bruce Boudreau's Hockey School.

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## ■ CAMP

## Hockey skills development camp in Port

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Kendall Boyd also will be instructing this year after spending playing women's hockey at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. Originally from Newcastle but now living in Thorold, Boyd played forward and was an especially skilled skater.

Burkholder said more and

more girls have participated in his camp over the years. This is particularly true at the younger ages, where a quarter of the class could be female.

Barrick, Boyd, DiFruscia and Richard all have experience working with younger players, so they won't be novices in sessions for three age groups

— novice and tyke, five to eight years of age; atom and peewee, nine to 12; bantam and midjet, 13 to 16.

"We select instructors on their ability to teach and passion for the game," said Burkholder, who spent several years coaching minor hockey in Welland.

Barrick, a 19-year-old Welland



SUPPLIED PHOTO  
Nick Vitucci, left, head coach of the ECHL's Toledo Walleye and a Welland Sports Wall of Famer, and Ed Burkholder, the Walleye's chief scout, are among the instructors at hockey skills development clinics getting underway May 21 in Port Colborne.

native, compiled a 5.46 goals-against average and an .885 save percentage in 25 games last season in Sarnia; DiFruscia, 19, from Thorold, scored 25 goals and collected 27 assists in 67 games with the IceDogs; and Richard, 20, from Hamilton, had a 4.22 GAA and .887 save percentage in 12 games between the pipes for Niagara.

Toledo Walleye head coach and Welland native Nick Vitucci, who was inducted into the ECHL hall of fame after setting several league goaltending records, will be a guest instructor. One-hour sessions will be held

Wednesdays until July 23 at Vale Health and Wellness Centre in Port Colborne. Novice and tykes get on the ice at 6 p.m., atoms and peewees at 7 p.m. and bantams and midjets at 8 p.m.

Participation in each age group is limited to the first 30 skaters and four goaltenders, keeping the student to instructor ratio at 4-to-1. Cost is \$225 each and more information is available by calling Burkholder at 905-735-2277 or by e-mail at [ed@burkum.com](mailto:ed@burkum.com).

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## Arrest in Port robbery

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Niagara Regional Police were called to the Desjardins caisse populaire at 57 Clarence St., just west of King St., at about 1:50 p.m.

A man brandishing a knife, and who wore a black mask and dark clothing

and was carrying a black bag, demanded money from a teller. The teller complied with the man's demands and he ran off

with an undisclosed amount of money.

Const. Derek Watson earlier said no one was injured during

the robbery. Steven Harris of Port Colborne is charged with robbery and disguise with intent.



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There are many different species of ticks; however, the one that is of concern is the black legged tick, also known as the deer tick. This sesame seed sized tick can be the host to the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease, which, if untreated, can result in arthritis, heart problems, and various nervous system problems. The American brown dog tick is approximately half a centimeter and has not been shown to carry Lyme disease.

The Niagara region has a high concentration of ticks, especially in the areas surrounding Lake Erie. The Niagara Health Department recommends wearing pants and long sleeved shirts when walking in wooded areas to minimize the chances of a tick bite.

If you notice a tick has attached to your skin, it should be removed immediately by grabbing the head with a pair of tweezers and pulling straight up. Do not try to burn the tick off or the skin using a match or lighter. The area should be then be washed with soap and water. If you are unable to remove the entire tick, you should give your doctor a call and they can remove it for you. The tick can be brought to the health department for analysis to see if it was infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Ticks often pick up the bacteria that cause Lyme disease while feeding on infected rodents. However, it should be noted that most ticks are not carriers.

The majority of people who are bitten by ticks do not develop Lyme disease, however if you notice a red bulls-eye rash on the skin, develop a fever, headache or muscle and joint pains, you should seek medical attention. The symptoms typically develop within 1 to 2 weeks of a bite. Lyme disease can often be cured with antibiotics if treatment is started early.

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **ECONOMY:** Campion says few local businesses reported significant benefit though

## Canoe Niagara netted \$12M: report

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

Niagara's economy received an infusion of more than \$12 million as host of the International Canoe Federation's world junior championships in August, according to a Canadian Sports Tourism Alliance report.

But if that estimate is correct, Ward 2 Coun. Frank Campion said Welland businesses apparently didn't receive much of that money.

CSTA research director Tony Fisher was at last Tuesday's Welland city council meeting discussing the economic impact from the junior and Under-23 Canoe Sprint World Championships, held at the Welland International Flatwater Centre last summer.

According to the Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model (STEAM) used by the national organization to gauge the impact large sporting events have on

communities, Fisher said the event netted about \$12.2 million.

"For Sport Canada, it's the model of choice for the international hosting program," he said. Fisher said the event attracted about 2,178 unique visitors during the four days it was held, spending a total of \$1.5 million.

He said the total estimate includes capital costs, event operations, taxes, wages and salaries, and other expenditures.

But Campion said a survey he

sent to local businesses last fall showed few benefited from the event, although the city pitched in to help cover the cost of running it.

"If those numbers are correct, we're the people who are paying for (the event) here in Welland and other communities are definitely benefitting from it."

"We have to have sticky fingers," Campion said in an interview. "That money has to stay closer to home if we're putting money into these things."

Regardless of the local impact, Campion said the overwhelming majority of the nearly 100 businesses he surveyed favoured continuing to support events on the waterway.

However, the business owners also wanted "to ensure that the municipal-

ity doesn't pump too much money into it, and further that things are done to improve the benefit to local business," he said.

Campion said his survey was provided to the WRCC and is scheduled to be discussed at the organization's next board meeting.

Chair Tom Bacolli said he is looking forward to discussing the survey results.

The document, he said, could find ways to help local businesses benefit from future events.

"We have to see what the next step is. We'll take any kind of information like that," he said.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## EDUCATION

### High school students to set sail with Algoma

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

As of next September, local Catholic high school students will have the opportunity to learn what it's like to be sailors.

Through a new partnership agreement between Algoma Central Corp. and Niagara Catholic District School Board, students will be invited to spend up to five days sailing aboard Algoma's vessels sailing through the Great Lakes.

The board's student success co-ordinator, Marco Magazzeni, said students could be aboard the ships from two to five days at a time, as long as the work placements do not interfere with earning the credits needed for graduation.

"Just to walk on to one of those ships is phenomenal," he said after signing the agreement during a ceremony at Lock 8 Park in Port Colborne last Wednesday morning.

"It's mind blowing for me as well. It's such an unconventional industry. Now, we're allowing our kids into that best kept secret. It's pretty exciting."

Magazzeni said the students don't necessarily need to be pursuing a career as a sailor to participate in the work placement opportunities aboard the ships.

"There are electricians, steam fitters, students from the hospitality program" who could participate, he said.

"There's a wide variety of trades people on the ships, but we also want to include engineering, design, and technology. It all falls within that industry," Magazzeni said. "We're offering our students the opportunity to cater to your career, to the careers that are becoming available and that are available."

Algoma's president, Greg Wight, said the company's workers aboard the ships should have no problem working with the up-and-coming sailors.

"They're used to having people looking over their shoulders. They'll do fine," Wight said.

For a corporation facing the retirement of more than half its workforce within the next decade, Wight said "attracting and retaining young workers is a very big challenge and priority for Algoma."

"Any chance we can get to partner with schools that will provide future employees, we jump at it," he said. "It's our future."

Wight said the agreement with the school board was co-ordinated with the assistance of the City of Port Colborne.

"Apprenticeships are alive and thriving in Port Colborne within the manufacturing sector and you're hearing it

from the CEO of a multimillion(-dollar) corporation that there are positions on the horizon," Magazzeni told a group of Lakeshore students during the ceremony. Meanwhile, Magazzeni said the Catholic school board continues to expand the opportunities for its students.

Last Thursday the board signed an agreement with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, and Magazzeni said he's currently working with a large railway company to develop a similar partnership.

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Lakeshore Catholic High School principal Glenn Gifford, from left, Algoma president Greg Wight, board student success coordinator Marco Magazzeni, and Mayor Vance Badaway sign an agreement to allow students aboard Algoma ships for work placement.



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However, The City of Port Colborne By-law No. 4519/50/04, which also regulates grasses/weeds, which applies to all properties within the City and are therefore required to be in compliance with the Maintenance of Grasses and Weeds By-law by June 1st and throughout the season.

Dan Aquilina  
Director Planning & Development



# IMPORT DATEBOOK

## MAY 15

### LEGO AT LIBRARY

Children of all ages can drop in at Wainfleet Township Public Library 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to build a Lego or Duplo creation. Please do not bring your own Lego.

## MAY 20

### POINTARINO LIGHTSHAW

Preservation Society (PALPS) holds its general meeting at the Crystal Ridge Library, 89 Ridge Rd. S., Ridgeway. Program: Climbing Cape Hatteras. Refreshments 6:30 p.m., business meeting 6:45 p.m., program 7:45 p.m. All welcome.

## MAY 21

### WII BOWLING FOR SENIORS

at Port Colborne Library, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free.

## MAY 22

### GAME PALOOZA!

at Wainfleet Township Public Library, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children of all ages can drop in to play Nintendo Wii and board games.

## MAY 23

### FAIR TRADE SOIREE

with the Decans of Jazz at Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Ave., Port Colborne, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at Ten Thousand Villages (905-834-6292) or from Rosemary at 905-635-9729.

### LIBRARY GARAGE SALE

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on May 24 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Dunnville Public Library, 317 Chestnut St. Housewares, decorative

items, crafts, jewelry, games and lots more. All clean and checked. Donations welcome starting May 17. Sponsored by Friends of the Dunnville Public Library.

## MAY 24

### ROAST BEEF SUPPER

at Morgan's Point United Church, 1430 Lakeshore Rd., Wainfleet. Settings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Adults \$15, children under 10 \$5, by reservation only. Call 905-895-0960 for tickets.

### PIG ROAST

at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 680 Elm St., Port Colborne. Supper at 6 p.m. Enjoy good food and fellowship. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children aged four to 12. Call 905-835-6111 for tickets.

### SPRING TEA

for St. James and St. Brendan

Church, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne. There will be a door prize, 50-50 draw, sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost \$5.

## MAY 26

### EVENING BOOK CLUB

at Wainfleet Township Public Library, 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is The Elephant Whisperer, by Lawrence Anthony. To obtain a copy of the book, register as a book club member at the library.

## MAY 28

### FILM BUFFS

discussion group meets at Port Colborne Public Library, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Members view films at home and discuss them in a group setting. Free. Call 905-834-6512 for program details.

## MAY 29

### CLASSIC BOOK CLUB

at Wainfleet Township Public Library, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for afternoon tea. This month's selection is Songs of Sourdough, by Robert Service. To obtain a copy of the book, register as a book club member at the library.

### LEGO AT LIBRARY

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## MAY 30

### HARBOUR LITE SINGERS

concert 7:30 p.m. at Central United Church in Port Colborne. Tickets are \$10 each from choir members or at the door.

## MAY 31

### COMEDY NIGHT

at the No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum, 8 p.m., Dunnville Airport, Hangar 1, 536 Pt. Maitland Rd. A fun evening with master ventriloquist Mark Crocker and comedian Victor J. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets available by calling 905-774-3068.

## JUNE 6

### EUCHE REUNION

at 2 p.m. in the Moore Room of Wainfleet Arena. Sponsored by Wainfleet Township Public Library and the Wainfleet Seniors Group. Open to all adults. This is a fun, social event. No entry fee. Prizes awarded for the best, worst and more. Refreshments will follow in the seniors centre. Call 905-899-1277 for register by May 30 as space is limited.

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## ONGOING

### MAKERS' MARKET

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905-835-0394 or the church office at 905-834-3184.

### E-READERS

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### KIDS' YOGA WITH NADIA

at Port Colborne Public Library, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. For ages six to 12, until June 5. Cost \$5 drop-in. Call 905-329-9841 or e-mail nadiaesposito@hotmail.com.

### KNITTING CLASSES

at Port Colborne Public Library, Tuesdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. or Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. until May 15, with instructor Vicki Fretz. For more information, call 905-835-5373.

### MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

coping skills workshops are Thursdays, May 8 to May 29, at Port Colborne Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For families and significant others who have an adult relative dealing with a serious mental health

problem and/or co-occurring disorder. All workshops are free. Registration required. To register, call 905-894-6808.

### SPAN

(Single Person Association of Niagara) is a social club since 1982 for mature singles who meet and mingle at Iggy's Pub, 115 Hwy. 20, Fonthill, every Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Members get a monthly calendar of social activities. For further information call Lyne at 905-788-0359.

### CRAFTY CORNER

runs at Wainfleet Township Public Library 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. the first and last Thursday of the month. Have you always wanted to finish your baby books, do some scrapbooking or just try out a craft that you have never found time for? Take some time for yourself, come

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### ART OF JAKE PECKSTOK

is at Halidom Community Museum and Archives, 8 Echo St. W., Cayuga, until April 28.

### DOCUMENTARY SERIES

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War, Port Colborne Public Library will present a monthly documentary film during the entire year of 2014. The documentaries will be shown on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. At several sessions, speakers will be available to talk about the Great War. For more info, call 905-834-6512.

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

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### STITCH IT!

at Port Colborne Library on Mondays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Do you sew, crochet, quilt, knit or more? Bring your work-in-progress for a couple of hours of stitching and conversation. Cost is \$1 per week. Call the library at 905-834-6512 for more information.

### THERAPY TAILS

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### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

of Port Cares is at Wainfleet Township Public Library, the first and third Wednesdays of the month 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. An adviser will offer tips, suggest resources, and review and make recommendations about your resume. For more information, call Port Cares at 905-834-3629.

### COUPON CLUB

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